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BILLION PARED FROM TRUMAN'S PROGRAM

Washington, Mar. 21—(UP)—The house appropriations committee today cut \$1,567,900,504 from President Truman's spending program in an omnibus money bill that still left the 1951 budget four debt-raising billions in the red.

Reporting that it exhausted "every possible effort" to cut deeper, the committee recommended a \$29,045,030,164 appropriation for most of the government's agencies.

Only the defense establishment, which gets one-third of the money, was spared sizeable reductions. The committee said it feared "certain very grave risks" in giving the armed forces only \$13,911,127,300.

The bill stalked up against Mr. Truman's requests of \$30,612,930,668 for the same purposes. He set that figure in his fiscal 1951 budget which outlined \$42,438,000,000 in spending and forecast a \$5,133,171,372 deficit.

The committee, whose single package measure covering all but foreign aid and fixed costs is the first of its kind in 150 years, claimed only \$979,489,060 of its slash would reduce the deficit. The rest will be lost paying hangover bills from 1950.

Expected Deficit Fixed At \$4 Billion

Thus the bill fixed the expected deficit at \$4,153,682,312 unless congress cuts the omnibus bill further and pares foreign aid when it comes up in a later bill.

Chairman Clarence Cannon (D., Mo.) plans to steer the bill onto the house floor next Monday for 10 days of debate. Republicans have announced they will seek to cut it another \$3 billion.

Cannon packed 10 or more measures into the 431-page single package this session for the first such treatment in 150 years. It was designed to put spending alongside anticipated revenues of \$37,305,586,034 to impress congress with the economy drive.

Army Gets \$3 Billion

The bill provided \$3,910,882,300 for the army, \$4,448,181,000 for the navy and \$5,190,904,000 for the air force. Defense got a total reduction of \$203,332,700, one of it in critical spots.

"The committee feels that a substantial reduction in the funds requested would cripple the national defense effort," a report accompanying the bill said.

The committee said it believed Mr. Truman exceeded his authority in holding up funds last year for a 70-group air force and that funds now available would provide only for 42 groups. It also said Defense Secretary Louis Johnson's civilian firings to reduce costs are "encouraging."

Cash And Contract

The bill carried \$2,266,463,664 in cash and \$1,778,826,500 in contract authority for the government's hundreds of bureaus. In actual cash, the 1951 cut totaled \$1,385,377,504. It ranged from nothing for the FBI to a high of \$530,000,000 for the so-called independent offices, such as the atomic energy commission. The same bills last year were \$2,709,000,000 higher.

Sen. Morse Requests Video For Portland

Washington, Mar. 21—(UP)—Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) today asked the federal communications commission to make possible immediate television facilities in Portland.

Morse wrote Wayne Coy, FCC chairman, that the continued denial to Portland of television facilities represented "gross indignities" in view of the fact that Portland was the only city of its size in the country without television.

Portland has been blocked from television by the FCC's "freeze" on new permits until it has determined the future of color television and use of ultra-high frequency channels.

Morse said Portlanders were not now interested in color television and asked Coy if the black-and-white freeze could be lifted for Portland to permit granting of one or more permits.

Washington, Mar. 21—(UP)—Rep. Ralph E. Church (R., Ill.) collapsed today and died a few minutes after testifying before the house executive expenditures committee in opposition to one of President Truman's government reorganization proposals.

President Truman to Take Part In Big Pre-Election Drive of Demos During May

Key West, Fla., Mar. 21—(UP)—President Truman definitely will hit the road in May as part of a big pre-election drive by the democratic party, climaxing his trip with a speech May 15 to a national party rally in Chicago.

Plans for presidential travel in May were confirmed today at the winter White House where the chief executive will do some preliminary work on a series of speeches he will deliver during the late spring.

According to present plans, the president will cross the nation by train in early May, appearing about May 11 at the dedication of Grand Coulee dam, northwest of Spokane, Wash.

Mr. Truman will make rear platform speeches at numerous stops to and from the west coast, but the time table probably will not be completed for weeks.

The Chicago meeting of democratic leaders from every state opens May 13 and the president's speech will be the grand climax of the national party pep meeting.

Marshall Plan Gets Senate Committee Approval

ECA Faces Hard Battle In House; Korea Fund Listed

China Area Money To Be Kept Available

Washington, Mar. 21—(UP)—The senate foreign relations committee today unanimously approved the full \$3,100,000,000 third-year Marshall plan spending authorization requested by President Truman.

The figure includes \$2,950,000,000 in new funds and \$150,000,000 in funds appropriated last year, but which Mr. Truman would be authorized to spend in fiscal 1951.

Hard Fight Faced

Committee action cleared ECA over its first senate hurdle at a time when Administrator Paul G. Hoffman faced a hard house fight. House foreign affairs committee members yesterday voted to cut cash funds by \$1,000,000,000 and a substitute a similar amount in shipments of American farm surpluses.

The senate committee's version also included \$100,000,000 in spending authority for the republic of Korea.

China Fund Available

Members also voted to keep available until June 30, 1951, an already appropriated, but unspent, fund of about \$103,000,000 to be used in the "general area of China." In a last-minute revision the committee asked President Truman, where practicable, to spend up to \$50,000,000 of this amount for nationalistic China itself, including the island of Hainan, Formosa and such other areas on the mainland still free of communist control.

Mr. Truman is given a free hand in determining whether and where this money shall be spent.

The money now goes to the senate floor where a heated debate is expected. Committee members rejected a proposal by Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R., Ia.) to pare \$600,000,000 off ECA's spending authority, about 20 per cent of the request.

Rape Trial Jury Being Selected Here Today

The state of Oregon took its case against Earl G. Edison into Jackson county circuit court this morning where District Attorney George Neilson and his deputy, Paul Haviland, will attempt to prove that on July 17, 1949, Edison "did carnally know" a female child under 16 years of age. He was indicted on a statutory rape charge by a grand jury February 23.

Jurors were being examined throughout the morning session of court by Neilson and by the defendant's attorneys, George Heberts and Edward Branchfield. It was expected that the trial would continue for two, and possibly three, days. The trial is one of the few of its kind on record in the county since rape cases are frequently disposed of without reaching trial stage.

Statements Urge Support For County Soil District

The heads of the Medford, Rogue River and Talent Irrigation districts today issued last minute statements urging water users in this area to vote in favor of the soil conservation district for the county in tomorrow's referendum election.

Robert Kent, of the Talent Irrigation district, said the formation of soil conservation district, locally administered, would have the effect of increasing the supply of water due to better land and water use practices. Ed Leach, manager of the Medford Irrigation district, claims the improvement of individual water users' irrigation systems will insure more water for everyone and also save time and money for Medford district users. He emphasized the increasing importance of the drainage problem.

W. D. Steadman of the Rogue River district announced that his district is also in favor of the formation of a soil conservation district and urged water users to get out and vote. He pointed out



CHILD'S MALADY STUMPS DOCTORS—Three-year-old Billy Colvin, shown with his mother, Mrs. Ray Colvin Jr., at Children's Hospital in Cleveland, suffers from a blood disorder which has doctors puzzled. Billy, subject to slow nosebleeds at irregular intervals since birth, has been kept alive through repeated transfusions. Doctors are certain it isn't hemophilia, an ailment where the blood fails to clot properly. They know the bleeding comes from small skin openings, but beyond that they are in the dark.

California Senate Aims Ban On Slot Machines

Sacramento, Mar. 21—(UP)—Two bills designed to drive slot machines out of California were halfway through the legislature today, and their chances to get all the way appeared improved.

The assembly passed the two slot machine seizure bills late yesterday, by votes of 67 to 3 and 68 to 2. They were sent immediately to the senate and referred to the upper house judiciary committee, where similar bills died for lack of one vote last year.

Later, the chairman of the judiciary committee, who voted against the bills last time, said he might vote for them this time.

Both bills would make mere possession of slot machines against the law. Now officers have to prove they are actually used for gambling. One bill would include "free play" machines in the ban.

Assemblyman Ralph Brown (D., Modesto), author of one of the bills, argued that slot machines had become "a big business in California, not a little business like it used to be." He said law enforcement officers were asking for the bills.

"If we stand for law enforcement, let's have it or wipe it off books," he said.

He said assemblymen got more than 5,000 telegrams yesterday, all apparently against the bills.

Assemblyman Jonathan J. Hollibaugh (R., Huntington Park) contended the bills "look like a lot of political skulduggery."

"We'd do better," he said, "to pass laws to send to jail law enforcement officers who deliberately refuse to enforce the law we've got now."

OPINION BY NEUNER

Salem, Ore., Mar. 21—(UP)—Attorney General George Neuner ruled today that the state forestry board may have land condemned in the name of the state when such land is necessary to promote the transportation of raw products from the forests. Neuner wrote the opinion at request of State Forester George Spaur.

SP To Purchase New Diesel Locomotives

Robert Holmes, district freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific railroad here, said today that the line has placed orders for another \$17,300,000 worth of new diesel locomotives.

Quoting the line's president, A. T. Mercier, Holmes said that this purchase will raise the railroad's postwar equipment program for new cars and engines to more than \$275 million.

The orders are for 36 such locomotives, 24 of which will have 6,000 horsepower, and 12 will have 1,500 horsepower. Deliveries are to start in July.

Bridges Hearing Witnesses Claimed Unreliable, Loose

Defense Attorney In Closing Argument

San Francisco, Mar. 21—(UP)—The entire government case against Labor Leader Harry Bridges has no weight because all prosecution witnesses are "unreliable and loose," Defense Attorney Vincent Hallina claimed today in his closing argument.

Hallina, in the third day of his summary, told the federal district court jury of eight men and four women that since some of the ex-communists who testified for the government admitted they were "coached to lie," by the red party, their testimony is suspect.

"And if there is any doubt, any doubt at all about whether they are telling the truth, it is the jury's duty to give the benefit to the defendant," he said.

Bridges is accused of lying at his 1945 naturalization hearing when he swore he was not a communist. Most of the witnesses against him at the trial were admitted former communists who claimed the CIO longshore union chief was a card-carrying, dues-paying party member for a 10-year period.

Hallina quoted testimony by Mervyn Rathborne, in which Rathborne admitted he had lied, on orders from the party, when he appeared before the house-un-American affairs committee, and a state legislative body investigating communism.

Then the attorney sought to destroy the credibility of John Schomaker, a longshoreman who said he was present at a waterfront cafe meeting in 1934 when Bridges assertedly signed a communist application blank and later paid party dues.

"We come to the point that your verdict depends on the credibility of Schomaker," Hallina said. "Everything else is window dressing — and Schomaker also lied."

Earlier, Hallina claimed someone "high up in the U. S. immigration service" instigated the trial against Bridges. Hallina said Bridges had been a "marked man" since the 1934 water front strike.

Quit Squabbling, Chairman Tells State Democrats

Portland, Ore., Mar. 21—(UP)—William L. Josslin, democratic state chairman, today asked democratic candidates to stop wrangling among themselves.

Josslin specifically urged State Sen. Austin F. Flegel and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson to "quiet down."

"I am not opposed to any candidates making fair and temperate comments on the voting record and public utterances of a fellow democrat," Josslin said.

"Last Saturday night in Coos Bay, Sen. Flegel charged that State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson in a speech at Waldport last fall described republican ex-governor John R. Hall as the best governor Oregon has ever had. This statement was heatedly denied by Pearson.

"I can foresee trouble if that sort of thing persists."

Josslin said he had "heard rumors" that "some of the three democratic candidates for governor are going to take the hide off their opponents" at an annual banquet of the young democratic clubs of Oregon next Saturday.

"I have known and liked all three candidates for many years. I do not want to see them knock each other out in the primary and thereby let the incumbent republican governor saunter to victory next November 7. The governor race is the key to the entire 1950 campaign and cannot be allowed to get out of hand."

U. S. Meat Grading Reinstated To Plants

Portland, Ore., Mar. 21—(UP)—U. S. department of agriculture meat grading, temporarily withdrawn last Monday from eight Oregon packing plants, was reinstated today.

J. R. Maize, regional supervisor of the U.S.D.A. livestock branch, tentatively waived the department's requirements that a packing plant pay the meat inspector's fee to the state department of agriculture rather than to the graduate veterinarian.

Five Portland plants affected by the requirements were scheduled to start employment of approved veterinarians today. A LaGrande packing plant already has qualified. Checking of plants at Medford and Cornelius was scheduled to start today.

Present meat inspection law requires that the packing plant pay the veterinarian for a hot and cold anti-mortem and post-mortem inspection.



RUNAWAY—Peter Able, 10, is able to smile about a bath after his first outing in nearly three years. A rheumatic fever victim, Peter has been confined to his San Francisco home with three sisters, his mother, a woman boarder and his mother's housekeeper. Tired of all the femininity, he set out on his own in search of "some fellows to play with." He was returned by police.

Local Youngster Dies In Portland After Air Trip

Four-year-old Bobby Thorston died at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland at 10:30 a.m. today, after being taken there last night on an emergency flight by an air force C-46 transport plane. The boy was suffering from a brain hemorrhage.

The attending physician called Mercy Flights, Inc., last night to arrange air transportation to the Portland hospital, and since the ambulance plane operated by the non-profit corporation is in Portland for engine overhaul, a call was placed immediately to the Portland airbase.

While the air force usually requires telephonic clearance from Washington, D. C., on such flights, the airbase commander, Col. Jackson Lewis, said that Mercy Flights reputation was such that no formal clearance would be needed.

The first call to Portland was placed at 7:40 p.m. and an air force crew assembled and the plane readied and on the way by 9:10 p.m. It arrived here at 10:25, and left for Portland at 11 p.m., arriving shortly after midnight.

Perf funeral home will be in charge of funeral arrangements.

Dave Hoover Starts Senatorial Campaign

Eugene, Ore., Mar. 21—(UP)—Dave Hoover, of Deadwood in western Lane county, launched his campaign for the republican nomination for U. S. senator here last night before a crowd of about 125 persons at Eugene high school.

Hoover, who operates a 400-acre farm on Deadwood creek near the Siuslaw river, criticized incumbent Sen. Wayne Morse for his "senatorial record of republican infidelity."

He said his own campaign motto was that of his party—"liberty against socialism."

"No real republican candidate should have to deviate from the declared policy of his own party, and rely on his own special, newly-coined motto, unless he expects to use that motto as a post-election alibi, to hide behind, whenever he gets ready to assassinate the republican party," Hoover said.

A hearing on vacation of an alley in block 72, originally scheduled tonight, bids were to be opened this afternoon at the city hall on several sewer projects and on completing the park swimming pool heating and circulating system. They will be tabulated and probably referred to the council tonight.

Farrell may also bring in a proposed ordinance which would prevent trucks using 12th, Franquette and Mayette streets and Spencer avenue as a "turn-around."

WEATHER

FORECAST: Light rain tonight, decreasing to clouds and showers Wednesday. Cooler daytime temperatures.

Highest yesterday	66
Lowest this morning	39